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In re Application of :

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PLACEMENT OF AN INTEGRATED
CIRCUIT ADAPTIVE TO NETLIST
CHANGES

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 16, 2000, for the above captioned patent application, Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments and consideration of the following remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the following claims as indicated below:

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1. (Three Times Amended) In the design of integrated circuits, a computer controlled method for placing cells, comprised of the computer implemented steps of: